



BATTLE GROUP

A Battle Group is a military organization at the level of a battalion, consisting of numerous companies. These companies are highly mobile, flexible and rapidly deployable to potential trouble spots all over Kosovo.

There are two MNBGs, which constitute KFOR and are ready to react to any threatening situation.

- HQ MNBG-East, Camp Bondsteel
- HQ MNBG-West, Camp Villagio Italia

KFOR Mission:

- contribute to a secure environment and ensure public safety and order
- support and coordinate the international humanitarian effort and civil presence
- support the development of a stable, democratic, multi-ethnic and peaceful Kosovo
- support the development of the Kosovo Security Force

KFOR Numbers:

Approximately 5,000 troops from the NATO-led Kosovo Force, comprised of 31 countries (23 NATO and eight KFOR partners) continue to contribute towards maintaining a safe and secure environment and freedom of movement for all citizens, irrespective of their ethnic origin.

For more information:
<http://www.aco.nato.int/kfor.aspx>

Multinational Battle Group-East Kosovo Forces

MNBG-E, KFOR 17, Camp Bondsteel



MNBG-E Mission Statement:

Multinational Battle Group-East conducts *Peace Support Operations in MNBG-E operating environment in order to contribute to a safe and secure environment and freedom of movement.

*Peace Support Operations:

An operation that impartially makes use of diplomatic, civil and military means, normally in pursuit of UN Charter purposes and principles, to restore or maintain peace. Such operations may include conflict prevention, peacemaking, peace enforcement, peace keeping, peace building and/or humanitarian operations.

--AJP 3.4.1 (NATO Peace Support Operations)

KFOR derives its mandate from United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of June 10, 1999 and the Military-Technical Agreement between NATO and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and Serbia. KFOR is operated under Chapter VII of the UN Charter and, as such, is a peace enforcement operation, which is more generally referred to as a peace support operation.

- ✓ MNBG-E has approximately 1,550 troops comprised of 9 countries including: Armenia, France, Germany, Morocco, Poland, Romania, Turkey, Ukraine and United States.
- ✓ For the past ten years the U.S. KFOR rotations were sourced by National Guard Bureau. Due to operational tempo, the mission is now sourced by active duty. Whether Active Duty or National Guard, the mission for MNBG-E remains the same.
- ✓ The current U.S. KFOR rotation is 17.
- ✓ The current MNBG-E unit deployed is the 525th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade out of Ft. Bragg, N.C. The brigade is commanded by Col. David Woods and Command Sgt. Maj. Major Sheryl Lyon.
- ✓ MNBG-E has troops at several locations in the area of operations. Gate 1, DOG 31, Camp Nothing Hill, Camp Cabra, Camp Novo Selo and Camp Bondsteel.
- ✓ Joint Readiness Detachments control the area of operations. MNBG-E coordinates with JRD's for operational requirements.
- ✓ There are three JRD's in MNBG-E's area of operation. JRD-North, JRD-Central and JRD-East.
- ✓ MNBG-E receives the majority of their support from Area Support Team Balkans. The KFOR Joint Logistics Support Group and contributing nationals provide support as required.

